

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-22, 25, 27-34, 42, 61, 71-84, 86-101, 103, 104 and 106-115 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment applicants have amended claims 71 and 73. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 6-22, 25, 27-34, 42, 61, 71-84, 86-101, 103, 104 and 106-115 are pending and under examination. Of these, claims 1-3, 6-22, 25, 27-34, 42, 61, 72-84, 86-101, 103, 104 and 106-116 were indicated to be allowable.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs

On page 2 of the October 9, 2003 Office Action the Examiner rejected claim 71 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner also stated that claim 71 is rendered indefinite because the claim depends upon canceled claim 69.

In response, applicants have amended claim 71 to depend on claim 109. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 71 is now moot, and all claims are in condition for allowance.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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